



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 8442.0002-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Joseph C. CAUTHEN)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: 10/075,615)	Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
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Filed: February 15, 2002)	
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For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS)	Confirmation No.: 2841
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND)	
SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT)	

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, the period for response having been extended to December 3, 2004 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include: (a) Declaration of Joseph C. Cauthen under 37 C.F.R. §1.131; (b) Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c); and, (c) an exhibit entitled "Cauthen Timeline" showing relevant dates between May, 1998 through October, 1999.